

Welcome to New Boston!



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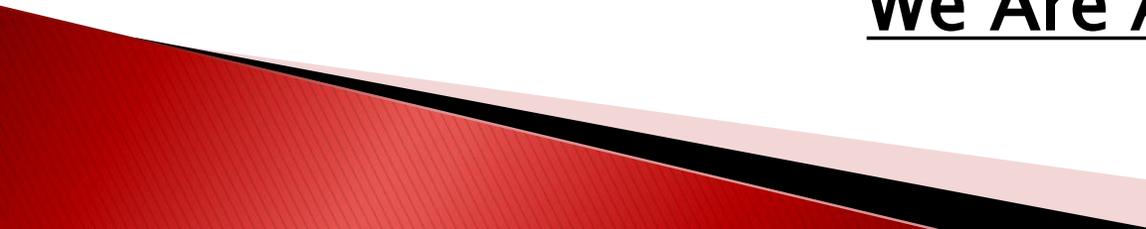
Why are We Here?

- ▶ To share information with new residents and even residents who've lived here awhile, to better understand how to survive in New Boston (ie in the country).
- ▶ Discussion/focus will be related to country living, preparing for Emergencies and acting as a First Responder.

New Boston's Emergency Services Providers

- ▶ Fire/Emergency Management/CERT – Chief Dan MacDonald
- ▶ Highway – Road Agent Allen Brown
- ▶ Police – Chief James Brace

We Are At Your Service!





New Boston Fire Department

- ▶ Staffing:
 - 47 Regular Firefighters/EMTs
 - 7 Recruits (Firefighters/EMTs)
 - 4 Part-time Employees
 - 8 Cadets

- ▶ Two Stations
 - Central Station
 - Hilltop Station





New Boston Fire Department

▶ Vehicles

- 3 Engines
- 1 Tanker
- 1 Forestry Truck
- 1 Hose Truck
- 1 Utility Truck
- 1 RTV
- 2 Ambulances





New Boston Fire Department

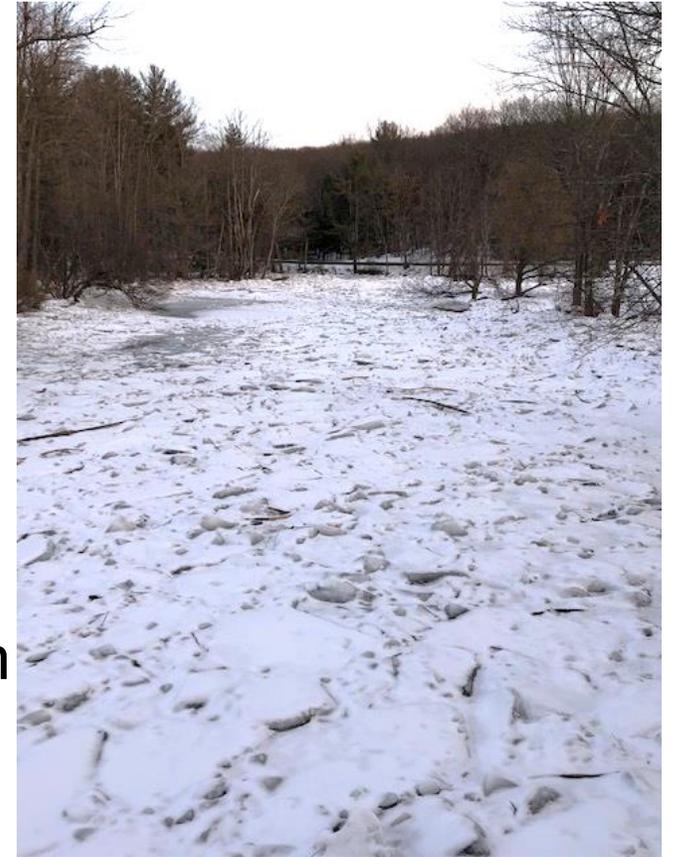
- ▶ Non-emergency contact: (603) 487-2500
 - Chief X310
 - Admin X313 or X312
- ▶ Hours of Operation
 - Emergencies 24x7
 - Non-emergencies
 - Daytimes 8:00 – 5:00





New Boston Emergency Management

- ▶ Staffing: Emergency Mgmt. Director, Chief Dan MacDonald
 - Appointed by the Board of Selectmen
 - Liasion to the NH Dept. of Emergency Mgmt.
- ▶ Hours as needed/when needed
- ▶ Functions:
 - Developed Town-wide Emergency Operations Plan
 - Hazardous Response Plan





New Boston Emergency Management

► Functions:

- Developed Town Wide Emergency Operations Plan
- Hazardous Response Plan
- Town-wide Communications System
- Interdepartmental Coordination during major emergency
- Interdepartmental Operational Programs/Services



Police Department

- ▶ Staffing
 - 9 Full-time and 3 Part-time Police Officers
 - 1 Full-time & 1 Part-time Administrative Staff
- ▶ Non-Emergency Phone: (603) 487-2433
- ▶ Vehicles
 - 6 cruisers
 - Radar Trailer



Police Department, cont...

▶ Hours of Operation

- Emergency Coverage 24x7

ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS



Monday	8:00AM – 8:00PM
Tuesday	8:00AM – 8:00PM
Wednesday	8:00AM – 8:00PM
Thursday	8:00AM – 8:00PM
Friday	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Saturday	Front Office Closed
Sunday	Front Office Closed

** Officers are on duty 24 hours per day

Highway Department

- ▶ Staffing
 - 7 Full-time Heavy Equipment Operators
 - 1 Part-time admin
- ▶ Equipment
 - 7 Trucks
 - Excavator
 - Road Grader
 - Loader



Highway Department, cont...

- ▶ Hours of Operations
 - Summer hours: Monday – Thursday 6:30AM – 4:30PM
 - Winter hours: Monday – Friday 7AM – 3PM
 - Storm hours: However long it takes ;-)
- ▶ Contact Phone Number:
 - (603) 487-2500 X612
- ▶ Winter sand or sand/salt mix



Communication Systems

- Facebook



- Nixle



- Code Red



- Signs

- Website: www.newbostonnh.gov



Want to know how to sign up?

Some Town Statistics

- ▶ Area of the Town – 44 Square Miles
- ▶ Town Population ~5,500
- ▶ Total miles of roads – 104 miles
 - Paved Road – 53 miles
 - Dirt Roads – 51 miles
- ▶ Impacts on Emergency Services
 - Emergency response time to scenes
 - Road maintenance cycles (snow plowing)



Who are the Real First Responders

- ▶ The first people at the scene of an emergency –
(many times this is you)
- ▶ Prepare yourself and your family to respond to an emergency
 - Know basic first aid
 - Be smart & safe
 - Know what to do if there is a fire
 - Know what to do in a power failure situation
 - Learn alternative routes to get to around town

Who are the Real First Responders, cont...

- ▶ Doing nothing but waiting for Emergency Services is not a wise option
 - We can help you become “Emergency Ready”
- ▶ Keep doors locked when you are away and at night.
- ▶ Addressing
 - Where are you? Help us help you, ensure your street address is visible from the road!



Emergency Preparedness

- ▶ First aid related – Get some training, have a first aid kit in the house and car
- ▶ Fire related – Make sure your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors work – usually good for 8 years.
- ▶ Have an evacuation plan and practice it.
- ▶ Have fire extinguisher(s) and know how to use them



Emergency Preparedness cont...

- ▶ Plan/prepare ahead for storms – most are forecasted days in advance.
 - Need help? Call New Boston Emergency Management
- ▶ Know what to do in a power failure situation
 - Be prepared to be self-sufficient for a period of time
- ▶ If you own a generator, never operate it inside or in an enclosed area near your house

Our Fifth Season

- ▶ In New Boston, “Mud Season” is a real thing!
- ▶ It can come at the most unexpected times
- ▶ Treatment of dirt roads doesn't help much
- ▶ Roads may be closed to commercial vehicles



The Piscataquog River

- ▶ Beautiful and Fierce!
- ▶ Know alternate routes



Winter – if you don't prepare, it can kill you!

- ▶ 4X4 /all-wheel drive vehicles do NOT stop noticeably better on slippery roads. Slow Down!
 - ▶ Buy the best snow tires you can and then drive like you have bald tires! Slow Down!
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Winter, cont...

- ▶ Dress for the weather outside, not in your heated car. Prepare as if you may have to walk for help in harsh weather because you might! Cell phone service is sketchy in Town.
- ▶ **And Slow Down!**



Black Ice – the Big Surprise – Expect the Worst

- ▶ Expect black ice anytime it's 32 degrees or less and:
 - There is any kind of moisture on the road like melting snow or a light rain.
 - The roads appear shiny, especially on corners or normally shaded areas of the road
- ▶ Town Blacktop Policy: There is none!
 - Unlike major highways, there is no immediate expectation of bare pavement after a snow event.

Plow trucks –you can never give them enough room!

- ▶ Beware, their visibility is very limited, even with all their mirrors
- ▶ Don't try to pass a moving plow truck
- ▶ These folks are our friends all the time, but our **best friends** in the winter! Treat them with respect and give them room to work.



Plow Trucks, cont...

- ▶ Don't plow your driveway snow into the road (it's the law).
- ▶ Mailbox accidents can happen, the Highway Department will repair/replace them. You just need to contact them.



Trees and Wires –Beware!

- ▶ Always consider wires live even if they are on or hanging near the ground
- ▶ Stay at least 50 feet away from any downed or low hanging wires



Trees and Wires – Beware, cont...

- ▶ If you find yourself accidentally too close to a wire, hop away, do not walk
- ▶ Make sure your children get this message too 😊
- ▶ Call 911 and report it right away



Wild Animals – they were here first!

- ▶ We have moved into their territory
- ▶ Respect them and give them room
- ▶ Follow the guidance of the State Fish and Game
 - www.wildlife.state.nh.us



Wild Animals, cont...

- ▶ **Beware** – hawks, owls, fox, coyotes & fishers are all predators. They will attack and/or take away any small living things
 - Small domestic pets
 - Chickens and other farm animals
 - Small Humans



Local New Boston–isms

- ▶ There is a ghost train that can be heard late every July 3rd
- ▶ It's a country thing –strangers wave at me when I drive by
- ▶ Leash Law? Not exactly, but you have to have your dog under your control!
- ▶ How does a small town succeed?
 - By working together!
- ▶ What's with the Canons and Fireworks? It's a New Boston thing!



Local New Boston-isms cont...

- ▶ You can't flush the toilet when my power goes out – we're all on private wells
- ▶ The 4th of July is a BIG DEAL in New Boston
- ▶ Halloween is also a BIG DEAL in New Boston!
- ▶ Parking in the “Village” (that's what we call the center of Town), is often tough.



Planning for the Future

- ▶ Let us know what would you like to see for future training sessions pertaining to Safety and Emergencies
- ▶ Consider joining a volunteer emergency organization – CERT, Fire Department





Questions?

Call us anything, we're happy to talk with you 😊